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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

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Public Meeting Information

City offices will be closed:
November 11, *27, 28
(Veterans Day and the
Thanksgiving holiday),
December *25 (Christmas),
and January *1, 2004
(New Year's Day)

*Garbage and recycling
service delays.

For questions regarding
container pick-up see page
three or call
Solid Waste Services at
480-782-3510.

The estimated population
for the City of Chandler as
of October 1, 2003, is
215,557.

Touch Tone Class Registration Available

Details In December Break Time Brochure

Now there's a new way for residents to sign up for the City's popular recreation classes. A new touch tone sign-up option is available to register for classes listed in the December *Break Time* brochure (mailed December 5). Residents will be able to register for most classes by telephone, 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

In order to use the touch-tone registration, you'll first need to have an account set up with a customer identification number and password. If you've participated in classes in the past, you already have a customer ID number but will need to establish a password. If you have utilized the online registration system, you should already have a customer ID number assigned to you, you'll just need to

change your password from alphabetical to numeric.

To set up an account, or to establish a password, call 480-782-2640 or send an e-mail to ParksAndRec@ci.chandler.az.us. Once you have an account established, you will be able to use the touch tone system beginning at 10 a.m. on December 13. Payment by credit card is required to complete the touch-tone registration process.

In addition to touch-tone registration, participants also may register by mail, drop-off, or online registration. Complete instructions for each option will be included in the *Break Time* magazine. No priority is given to the various registration processes. For more information, call 480-782-2640.

**Go to
www.ChandlerAZ.gov
for Holiday Safety Tips
from the
Chandler Police Department**



'What's Up?' Downtown

There are many Chandler traditions in Historic Downtown during the holiday season; the City's unique Tumbleweed Tree and Parade of Lights, Santa's House where children can meet with the man in the red suit himself to divulge their greatest desires for Christmas morning goodies, and the traditional Nutcracker performance at the Center for the Arts.

Another unique event takes place in Historic Downtown each year that kicks off the holiday shopping season. The Holiday Masterpiece Open House takes place Saturday, December 6, from 2 - 5 p.m. at the City's Vision Gallery (80 S. San Marcos Place). Artisan-made holiday ornaments are available for viewing and for purchase, as well as fully-decorated trees and artwork. Eight unique artist-decorated trees will be auctioned off to the highest bidder and proceeds will benefit the Vision Gallery's Kidz Art program. Trees will be on display beginning December 1. For more information call the Vision Gallery at 480-917-6859.

Calendar Of Events

480-782-2735 ••• www.ChandlerAZ.gov

November

- 15 Celebration on the Santan,
480-782-2665
- 20 Backyard Composting Workshop,
480-782-3510
- 20 City Council meeting, Council
Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 24-30 Holiday Masterpiece Exhibit, Vision
Gallery, 480-917-6859
- 27, 28 Thanksgiving Holiday, City offices
closed
- 28-30 The Nutcracker, Center for the Arts
480-782-2680

December

- 1-25 Vision Gallery's Holiday Masterpiece
Exhibit, 480-917-6859
- 5-7 The Nutcracker, Center for the Arts,
480-782-2680
- 6 Holiday Masterpiece Open House,
Vision Gallery,
480-917-6859
- 6 Tumbleweed Tree Lighting
Ceremony & Parade of Lights,
Dr. A.J. Chandler Park
- 6, 11, 13, 20 Santa's House, Dr. A.J.
Chandler Park
- 13 Lunch with Santa Coloring Contest,
San Marcos Hotel
- 13, 14, 20 The Spirit of Christmas, Center
for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 15, 18 City Council meeting, Council
Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 15-18 Santa's Calling
- 20 Saturday Art & Music In The Park,
Historic Downtown Chandler,
480-782-3045
- 21 Salt River Brass, Center for the Arts,
480-782-2680
- 25 Christmas holiday, City offices
closed
- 31 Mesa Symphony, Center for the Arts,
480-782-2680

January

- 8, 22 City Council meeting, 480-782-2180
- 17 Multicultural Festival, Downtown
Library, 480-782-2816
- 17 Saturday Music and Art in the Park,
Historic Downtown Chandler,
480-782-3045
- 17 Mancini at the Movies, Center for the
Arts, 480-782-2680
- 18 Mesa Symphony, Center for the Arts,
480-782-2680
- 24 Fiesta Chorus, Center for the Arts,
480-782-2680
- 31 Singin' in the Rain, Center for the Arts,
480-782-2680

The Chandler Museum has re-opened!
Hours of operation are Tuesday through
Sunday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Call 480-782-2717 for information.

Home Occupations State & Local Requirements Vary

For many, the idea of owning their own business is realized by beginning with a home-based business -- one that they can operate from their primary residence. And as the types of businesses vary widely, so do the codes and requirements that need to be met to safely and legally operate the business.

Not only are there local code requirements such as the Zoning Code, Building Code and City Business License, the state also has a separate and distinct set of standards for many home-based businesses. A variety of resources are available to residents interested in operating a home-based business. The City's Tax and License Division created a brochure that outlines many of the transaction privilege sales tax license guidelines as well as a detailed instruction booklet to assist residents in completing business license applications. In addition, Chandler's City Code is available on the Web at www.ChandlerAZ.gov or in the City Clerk's Office (480-782-2180).

For specific zoning and building code requirements, call the Planning and Development Department. If you're considering operating an In-Home Day Care, Residential Child Care or Group Care Home, call 480-782-3051. For all other types of home occupations, call 480-782-3061.

The Chandler Public Library provides tremendous resources for businesses including:

- Reference books - local leads, business directories, City documents, import/export information, industry overviews, key business ratios, association directories
- Books - business plans, legal structure, finance, management, marketing, law, sales, accounting, patents, trademarks.
- Over 30 business magazines and newspapers
- Electronic Business Databases – Free Access from library or home
- Free Computer Access, Computer Training & outgoing FAX Service
- Business Reference Assistance
- SCORE & SBA Consultants

Questions About West Nile Virus? Information Available From Maricopa County

The best way for residents to protect themselves from mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around the home and take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites, such as:

- Wear repellent with DEET when outdoors at night.
- Eliminate standing water where mosquitoes can breed.
- Remove items outside the home that collect water, such as cans, bottles, jars, buckets, old tires, drums and other containers.
- Change water in flower vases, birdbaths, planters, and animal watering pans at least twice a week.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets, and move air conditioner drain hoses frequently.
- Wear lightweight clothes that cover your arms and legs.

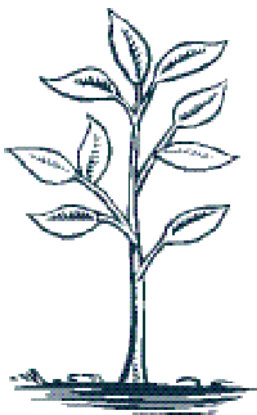
For more information on the West Nile Virus, visit Maricopa County's Environmental Services Web site at: **www.maricopa.gov/envsvc**, or the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention West Nile page at: **<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/>**

A hotline manned by CDC operators is open to the public from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (Arizona time). The phone numbers are 888-246-2675 (English), 888-246-2857 (Spanish), or 866-874-2646 (TTY).

Cooler Weather Means Watering Changes

Top 5 Activities To Improve Your Yard This Fall

Fall is here!
Time to cut back
on irrigation.
Plants do not need
as much water.



1 -- Turn back your irrigation timer. Adjust irrigation schedules for the season. At a minimum, irrigation systems should be adjusted quarterly according to the season. Ideally this should be done monthly for best management practices. Dormant Bermuda only requires irrigation once per month in the winter. In the winter, trees should be watered to a depth of three feet once every 4 weeks. Shrubs only need to be watered once every 30 days as long as the water is soaking in to two feet. Call the Water Conservation Office (480) 782-3580 for your free copy of *Landscape Watering by the Numbers* which will walk you, step-by-step, through programming your irrigation system. When you call also ask about our free irrigation workshops offered twice a year.

2 -- Irrigation systems. Winter is a great time for irrigation maintenance. A broken sprinkler head can lose up to 20 gallons of water a minute! Check sprinkler heads and drip emitters. Move emitters away from plants. Typically the emitters are in the same place they were when the land-

scape was originally installed. Moving emitters encourages the roots to grow outward creating a better anchoring system for the plant. Plus, the feeder roots that absorb water and nutrients are located at or near the drip line.

3 -- Stakes and ties. Check the ties and stakes on trees. Ties that are too tight can create wounds or weak points along the trunk. They must be checked on a regular basis to prevent restriction of the trunk's movement. Trees must be allowed to move slightly in the wind to develop a strong trunk. Remove stakes if trees can stand on their own. Stakes should be removed after one year's time, if they are not, it may be difficult to ever remove the stakes.

4 -- Mulch around plants. Adding a layer of organic mulch reduces water consumption, cools the soil and adds nutrients. Organic mulches such as bark or compost need to be added annually as they decompose rapidly each year. By mulching trimmings from the landscape, you are saving on

dumping fees and keeping green waste out of the landfill. Contact Solid Waste (480) 782-3510 for information about upcoming Composting Workshops.

5 -- Planting. Fall is the perfect time to plant new areas, replace plants that have died or remove high-water-use plants. There are many low-water-use plants to choose from. Contact the Water Conservation Office (480) 782-3580 for a copy of our *Plants for the Desert Southwest* or to sign up for our *Plants of the Southwest* workshop series. Planting in the fall gives roots a chance to establish in the cool months before the hot summer temperatures hit. Plants should be placed in holes no deeper than the root ball. The soil should be loosened two to four times the size of the canopy. Placing a 2-3 inch layer of mulch around the plant, but away from the stems or trunk, will help those roots thrive.

Flooding Hazards

Several small areas in Chandler are located in what is commonly referred to as the 100-year floodplain. These areas are generally adjacent to canal banks and railroad track embankments where water ponds can develop during periods of heavy rainfall.

To determine whether your property is located in a floodplain, call the City Engineering office at 480-782-3340.

Flood insurance is available to almost everyone from the federal government's National Flood Insurance Program. Most homeowners' policies do not cover flood losses. Contact your insurance agent concerning such coverage.

Construction within flood zones is tightly regulated by the Maricopa County Flood Control District. Permits are required for any building or site alterations to ensure maximum protection against flooding is maintained.

For more information on flood hazards and protection, visit the City Engineering office at 215 E. Buffalo St., or the Downtown Library at 22 S. Delaware Street.

Holiday Collection Schedule

On major holidays, collection resumes the day after the holiday, and rolls over every day through Saturday. For example:

Thanksgiving Day falls on Thursday, therefore ...

- Thursday is collected Friday
- Friday is collected Saturday

For more information call 782-3510.

Meeting Minutes

The Chandler City Council approved the following items during recent meetings:

- Approved a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for \$100,000 for emergency preparedness.
- Appointed a committee of Chandler residents who will review proposals for a 2004 Bond Election.
- Approved a use permit for East Valley Habitat for Humanity to build a single family home on East Saragosa Street.
- Approved an ordinance amending the City Code to reduce water rates for outside City water service.

Proclamations:

Disabilities Employment Awareness Month -- October
2003 Domestic Violence Awareness Month -- October



Chandler City Council — Front row from left: Dean Anderson, Mayor Boyd W. Dunn, Bob Caccamo. Back row from left: Phillip Westbrooks, Donna Wallace, Patti Bruno, Vice Mayor Lowell Huggins. The Mayor & Council can be contacted at (480) 782-2200.

The Chandler Center for the Arts is seeking citizens who are interested in serving on its Programming Committee. One or two meetings are held annually to discuss potential acts and entertainment. Call 480-782-2688 for more information.

Sound Off ... Your Opinion Counts!

Your City officials want public input on how to build a better community. Let's hear from you. Just fill out this form and return it with your water billing or mail it to: Communications & Public Affairs Department, Mail Stop 604, P.O. Box 4008, Chandler, AZ 85244-4008. Or go online and e-mail your comments to: citizen-assistance@ChandlerAZ.gov

Comments (please print)

Optional (please print):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip _____ Phone: _____

Public Meetings

City Council

(480) 782-2180

Usually held the
2nd and 4th Thursday
at 7 p.m. in the
Council Chambers.

Planning and Zoning Commission

(480) 782-3000

Usually held the
1st and 3rd Wednesday
at 5:30 p.m. in the
Council Chambers

City Council meetings and
study sessions, and Planning
and Zoning meetings are
televised live on Cable Channel
11 then replayed the following
day at 8:30 a.m.

Study sessions are also
replayed the following
Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

There are additional replays of
Council and P&Z meetings at
the following times:

Saturday at 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Sunday at 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Monday at 1 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Public meetings are posted on
the City's Web site:

www.ChandlerAZ.gov

Airport Commission

(480) 782-3540

Arts Commission

(480) 917-6859

Committee for the Aging

(480) 782-2750

Committee for People with Disabilities

(480) 782-2709

Cultural Foundation

(480) 782-2676

Human Relations Commission

(480) 782-2217

Housing & Redevelopment Committee

(480) 782-3207

Industrial Development Authority

(480) 782-2315

Library Board

(480) 782-2800

Museum Advisory Board

(480) 782-2752

Neighborhood Advisory Committee

(480) 782-2218

Parks & Recreation Board

(480) 782-2660

Transportation Commission

(480) 782-3440

Youth Commission

(480) 782-2712

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publication can be made available in an alternative format, if
requested. It can also be made available in Spanish.*

*Si desea esta información en español por favor
llame al teléfono (480) 782-2231.*

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